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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ALSO REFER TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS OF REFTEL:

1. NEWSMEN WILL BE HOUSED IN SAME ASHOKA HOTEL AS OFFICIAL PARTY (EXCEPT SECRETARY AND HIS IMMEDIATE AIDES), BUT ON SEPARATE FLOOR.
2. ON SAME FLOOR AS NEWSMEN WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR THREE ROOM SUITE PRESS ROOM.
3. ITT, RCA, INTERNATIONAL PRESS AUTHORITY AND OTHER USUAL PRESS CREDIT CARDS WILL BE HONORED FOR FILING. IN PRESS KITS AND AT PRESS ROOM THERE WILL BE FACT SHEET ON ALL COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS ON WHICH FILM CAN BE DESPATCHED. HAVE ALSO ARRANGED WAIVER EXPORT CONTROL PROCEDURES ON SUCH SHIPMENTS.
4. EXTRA AUTO WILL BE PROVIDED TO RUN ADVANCE COPY TO FILING POINT AND/OR ALLOW TV CORRESPONDENTS TO PROCEED IN ADVANCE OF MOTORCADE.
5. PRESS ROOM AT ASHOKA WILL HAVE TWO INDIAN WIRE SERVICE TICKERS,

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PTI AND UNI. AP, UPI, REUTERS NOT ALLOWED TO BE DISSEMINATED

HERE, BUT INDIAN TICKERS CARRY SOME OF THEIR ITEMS. BECAUSE OF SUNDAY, AND SINCE MONDAY (OCT 28) IS HOLIDAY, WIRELESS FILE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN DELHI ONLY MORNING OF DEPARTURE.

6. POCKET-SIZE PRESS NOTES BOOKLET ON EVENTS, PRESS OPPORTUNITIES, BIOGRAPHIES, WILL BE PROVIDED. OTHER BACKGROUND MATERIAL WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

7. BELIEVE SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL EVENTS ALLOWS ENOUGH TIME FOR FILING. (BUT SEE QUERY BELOW.)

8. AMBASSADOR ANDERSON WILL HAVE ASSIGNED TO HIM, FULL TIME, PRESS ATTACHE JOHN FOSTER.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. IN ADDITION TO PTI AND UNI NEWS TICKERS MENTIONED ABOVE, PRESS ROOM WILL HAVE IN IT FIVE BOOTHS FOR OPERATOR-ATTENDED LONG DISTANCE CALLS, SIX DIRECT DIAL TELEPHONES FOR LOCAL CALLS, TWO MANNED TELEX MACHINES FOR FILING COPY, USUAL TABLES WITH MANUAL AMERICAN KEYBOARD TYPEWRITERS AND SUPPLIES.

B. VOICE CASTS. THESE MUST BE MADE FROM INDIAN OCS (OVERSEAS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE) OFFICE TEN MINUTE CAR RIDE FROM ASHOKA.

10. (ONE USIS STAND-BY CAR WILL BE AT HOTEL FOR THIS PURPOSE). OCS REQUESTS TWO DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE FOR INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS FOR TWO WAY VOICE CASTS. THROUGH GOI WE COULD BOOK A BLOCK OF TIME AT OCS EACH DAY FOR USE OF ALL NETS; ALTERNATIVELY WE COULD BOOK SPECIFIC TIMES ON BASIS OF REQUESTS RECEIVED TELEGRAPHICALLY FROM MOSCOW. PLEASE ADVISE PREFERRED METHOD AND TIMES WHEN KNOWN. DELHI BASED CORRESPONDENTS OF SOME NETS MAY ALREADY HAVE BOOKED SOME TIME. WE ARE OF COURSE REMINDING THEM TOO OF THIS REQUIREMENT.

C. ACCOMPANYING PRESS SHOULD PROVIDE THEMSELVES WITH TWO PASSPORT PHOTOS. THESE ARE NEEDED FOR TEMPORARY GOI PRESS CARDS TO CROSS POLICE LINES, ETC. THESE CARDS WILL BE ISSUED AT HOTEL PRESS ROOM ON ARRIVAL, BASED ON ADVANCE LIST OF NAMES OF ACCOMPANYING PRESS.

10. QUESTIONS

A. IN ADDITION TO ACCOMPANYING PRESS, MAY AMERICAN MEDIA REPS NOT STATIONED IN DELHI (I.E. "ADD-ONS") USE ASHOKA PRESS ROOM? WE EXPECT PERHAPS A DOZEN SUCH. BELIEVE FACILITY IS LARGE ENOUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TO DENY THEM USE OF THIS FACILITY COULD CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT. ADVISE.

B. RE ENOUGH TIME FOR FILING, MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN HAKSAR WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO INVITE VISITING US MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE S

TO BUFFET SUPPER AT ASHOKA ABOUT 9:30 OR 10 PM TUESDAY OCT 29. LAST PROBABLY SCHEDULED EVENT THAT DAY IS 8:30 PM FORMIN CHAVAN DINNER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER AND INTELLECTUALS. WEDNESDAY DEPARTURE

IS AT 11 AM. SHOULD WE ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE HAKSAR?

C. WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT BOOKING OCS STUDIOS FOR VOICE CASTS,
AS PER PARA 9B, ABOVE?

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